

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 15 public bills, H.R. 4674–4688; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 239; and H. Res. 1103–1104, 1106–1108 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1105, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2701) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 111–419).

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, February 23rd:

***Honoring the life of Miep Gies:*** H. Res. 1074, to honor the life of Miep Gies, who aided Anne Frank's family while they were in hiding and preserved her diary for future generations, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 61;

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***Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on religious minorities in Iraq:*** H. Res. 944, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives on religious minorities in Iraq, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 415 yeas to 3 noes, Roll No. 62; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the protection of members of vulnerable religious and ethnic minority communities in Iraq."

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***Honoring and celebrating the contributions of African-Americans to the transportation and infrastructure of the United States:*** H. Res. 1085, to honor and celebrate the contributions of African-Americans to the transportation and infrastructure of the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 65.

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**Health Insurance Industry Fair Competition Act:** The House passed H.R. 4626, to restore the application of the Federal antitrust laws to the business of health insurance to protect competition and con-

sumers, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 64.

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Rejected the Smith (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 170 yeas to 249 nays, Roll No. 63.

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H. Res. 1098, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 60, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

***Recognizing the difficult challenges Black veterans faced when returning home after serving in the Armed Forces, their heroic military sacrifices, and their patriotism:*** H. Con. Res. 238, to recognize the difficult challenges Black veterans faced when returning home after serving in the Armed Forces, their heroic military sacrifices, and their patriotism in fighting for equal rights and for the dignity of a people and a Nation.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H816.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 30 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yeas-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H769, H770, H770–71, H789–90, H790–91, H791. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

**COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND  
RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Legal Services Corporation: Victor M. Fortuno, Interim President and General Counsel; and Frank B. Strickland, Chairman, Board of Directors.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from John P. Holdren, Science Adviser to the President.

**DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Combat Aircraft Requirements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: RDM David L. Philman, USN, Director, Air Warfare Division; and MG David Scott, USAF, Director, Operational Capability Requirements/Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements.

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Corps of Engineers, Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Department of the Army: Jo Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary, Civil Works; and LTG Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Corps of Engineers.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES, AND GENERAL  
GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the IRS. Testimony was heard from Douglas Shulman, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

**INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT, AND  
RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior and Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Protecting Public Health and the Environment: EPA FY 2011 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA.

**LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held an appropriations hearing. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS  
AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the American Battle Monuments Commission. Testimony was heard from Max Cleland, Secretary, American Battle Monuments Commission.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Testimony was heard from Judge Bruce E. Kasold, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Arlington National Cemetery and the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from Jo Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; and Timothy C. Cox, Chief Operating Officer, Armed Forces Retirement Home.

**FY 2011 NATIONAL DEFENSE  
AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST  
FROM NAVY DEPARTMENT**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Navy. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Ray Mabus, Secretary; ADM Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, USMC, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

**ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND INITIATIVES  
ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on energy management and initiatives on military installations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; L. Jerry Hansen, Army Senior Energy Executive, Senior Official Performing Duties as the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations and Environment, Department of the Army; Roger M. Natsuhara, Acting Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy; and Debra K. Tune, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Logistics.

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT FY 2011 BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

**ALL-STAR ACT OF 2009**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4330, ALL-STAR Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**COMMERCIAL COLLECTION AND USE OF LOCATION INFORMATION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection and the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet held a joint hearing on The Collection and Use of Location Information for Commercial Purposes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ANTHEM BLUE CROSS PREMIUM HIKE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Premium Increases by Anthem Blue Cross in the Individual Health Insurance Market." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MONETARY POLICY—STATE OF THE ECONOMY**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing on the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy. Testimony was heard from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

**IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION LESSONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held an oversight hearing on Hard Lessons Learned in Iraq and Benchmarks for Future Reconstruction Efforts. Testimony was heard from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction, Office of the Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction.

**RECENT FBI INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on Recent Inspector General Reports Concerning the FBI. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Glenn A. Fine, Office of the Inspector General; Margaret Gulotta, Section Chief, Language Services Section, Directorate of Intelligence, FBI; and Jennifer Shasky Calvery, Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4003, amended, Hudson River

Valley Special Resource Study Act; H.R. 4192, amended, Stornetta Public Lands Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2009; H.R. 4252, Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water Plume Assessment Act of 2009; H.R. 1769, amended, Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act; H.R. 2788, Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial Act; and H.R. 4395, amended, to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station.

**GEOHERMAL PRODUCTION EXPANSION ACT**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 3709, Geothermal Production Expansion Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Inslee; Marcilynn Burke, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**NOAA/INTERIOR DEPARTMENTS BUDGET**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held an oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2011 budget requests for the NOAA, the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Togiola T.A. Tulafono, Governor, American Samoa; Anthony M. Babauta, Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and Mary M. Glackin, Deputy Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, Department of Commerce.

**TOYOTA GAS PEDALS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "Toyota Gas Pedals: Is the Public At Risk?" Testimony was heard from Raymond H. LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; Joan Claybrook, former Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; the following officials of Toyota Motor Corporation: Akio Toyoda, President and CEO; and Yoshimi Inaba, President and CEO, Toyota Motor North America, Inc., and public witnesses.

**CENSUS MEDIA PLAN**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled "The 2010 Census Communications Contract: The Media Plan in Hard to Count Areas." Testimony was heard from Robert Groves, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**MILITARY SEXUAL ASSAULTS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings entitled “Sexual Assault in the Military: Are We Making Progress?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Brenda S. Farrell, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management; and Randolph Hite, Director, Information Technology and Architecture and Systems; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis Isiello, Co-Chairman; and BG Sharon K.G. Dunbar, USAF, both with the Task Force on Sexual Assault in the Military Service; Kaye Whitely, Director, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, Office of the Secretary; and Gail McGinn, Deputy Under Secretary (Plans); and a public witness.

**INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010**

*Committee on Rules:* granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2701, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010”. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments made in order are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence or a designee. The rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. The rule provides that after passage of H.R. 2701, it

shall be in order to consider in the House S. 1494. The rule waives all points of order against the Senate bill and against its consideration. The rule provides that it shall be in order to move to strike all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and to insert in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 2701 as passed by the House. All points of order against that motion are waived. If the motion is adopted and the Senate bill, as amended, is passed, then it shall be in order to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 1494 and request a conference with the Senate.

The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported from the Rules Committee through the legislative day of Friday, February 26, 2010. The rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the legislative day of Friday, February 26, 2010. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this authority. Testimony was heard from Chairman Reyes and Representatives Hastings (FL), Kucinich, Walz, Thornberry, Inglis, and Kirk.

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGET PROPOSAL**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Held a hearing on the Administration’s Fiscal Year 2011 Research and Development Budget Proposal. Testimony was heard from John Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

**BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on How Can NIST Better Serve the Needs of the Biomedical Research Community in the 21st Century? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AIRCRAFT ICING**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Aircraft Icing. Testimony was heard from John Hickey, Deputy Associate Administrator, Aviation Safety, FAA, Department of Transportation; Deborah A.P. Hersman, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**MEDICATIONS AND VETERAN SUICIDE**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Held a hearing Exploring the Relationship between Medication and Veteran Suicide. Testimony was heard from Ira Katz,

M.D., Deputy Chief Officer, Mental Health Services, Office of Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; BG Loree K. Sutton, M.D., Director, Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### VA BENEFITS DELIVERY AT DISCHARGE

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing Examination of the VA Benefits Delivery at Discharge and Quick Start Programs. Testimony was heard from Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Noel Koch, Deputy Under Secretary, Office of Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy, Department of Defense; Diana Rubens, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

### BRIEFING—GOOGLE HACKING INCIDENT

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Google Hacking Incident. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 9 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine aviation safety, focusing on one year after the crash of flight 3407, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the science and policy behind the Federal framework and non-Federal efforts to prevent introduction of the aquatic invasive Asian carp into the Great Lakes, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight, to hold hearings to examine interagency contracts (part I), focusing on an overview and recommendations for reform, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for tribal programs and initiatives, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, S. 1132, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 2772, to establish a criminal justice reinvestment grant program to help States and local jurisdictions reduce spending on corrections, control growth in the prison and jail populations, and increase public safety, H.R. 1741, to require the Attorney General to make competitive grants to eligible State, tribal, and local governments to establish and maintain certain protection and witness assistance programs, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 1554, to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to prevent later delinquency and improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the development of local Court Teams for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers and the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center to assist such Court Teams, and the nominations of Dawn Elizabeth Johnsen, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Attorney General, William Joseph Hochul, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, and Sally Quillian Yates, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice, and Gloria M. Navarro, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Audrey Goldstein Fleissig, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Lucy Haeran Koh, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Jon E. DeGuilio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, and Jane E. Magnus-Stinson and Tanya Walton Pratt, both to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* business meeting to consider S. 2989, to improve the Small Business Act, 10 a.m., SR-485.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Fort Hood, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.